



# CHECK IT OUT

The newsletter of the Windham Public Library Windham, Maine



MAY  
2018



The library will  
**CLOSED**  
**SAT, MAY 26th**  
through  
**MON, May 28th**  
for **Memorial Day** weekend

*There are far, far better  
things ahead than any we  
have left behind* - C.S. Lewis



**Exhibit Case**  
May 1 -  
July 31

**Knitting by the  
Lighthouse  
Knitting Guild**

For more information about our  
**Exhibit Case**:  
[www.windham.lib.me.us/ondisplay](http://www.windham.lib.me.us/ondisplay)



The library's **Wednesday afternoon movie program** will be stepping up the number of showings from monthly to **weekly**! Movie attendees will not only enjoy more great films and light refreshments, but **new chairs and relaxing new cushions** to pass the time in comfort. The movie selections each month will comprise of mostly new releases with a mix of genres. As always, the films are free and no reservations are required. The selections for May are listed below:



For more information about our Movie Time program or the selections above, go to [www.windham.lib.me.us/adult-programming](http://www.windham.lib.me.us/adult-programming) or contact Sally (207) 892-1908.



**Star Wars Day events**  
**Friday, May the 4th**  
**2:30-5:30pm**

Join us for our Star Wars Day celebrations, sponsored in part by our friends at **Casablanca Comics** and **Bull Moose**. Do the scavenger hunt, vote for your favorite ship, play Death Star bean-bag toss, watch *The Last Jedi*, and bring home a coloring page. All ages are welcome, in costume or not. For more info, contact Sally: 207-892-1908.



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## Chat with the Director



The renovation is finally complete! After having time to reflect, Library Director Jen Alvino muses that the renovation project started three or four years ago as a really simple idea of finding staff inefficiencies and creating a central desk. It grew, she says, "into a way to prepare for the future of library services." She says the project allowed her to think about the needs of the staff as well as the community. In the end, Alvino says, the project "gave everybody something." She adds, "Each part of the building that was touched was changed for the better."



Since the re-opening on April 9th, Alvino says it's been fun to welcome everybody back and hear feedback. "What we've seen from patrons is surprise, excitement, and pleasure," she says.

Technology is a big part of moving toward the future of libraries. Last year, when the Library received a Maine Public Library Fund Grant (the funds for that come from the tax checkoff on the Maine State tax form), Alvino purchased some additional technology for the Children's Room. Geared toward younger children, the Library now has two iPads and educational accessories that interact with apps on the iPads. The iPads are designed to promote digital literacy, math, and reading. They can't be checked out, but parents are encouraged to stop into the Children's Room and use them with their kids.

So, what's next for the Library? Alvino says that she likes to have some new initiative every year (usually something smaller than a renovation--like Universal Class or the iPads), but for now, she's just taking a moment to catch her breath. "We've been working on this for so long..." she says, trailing off. She smiles. For now, it's good to just settle in.



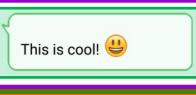
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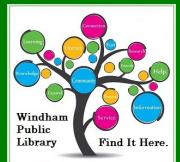
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[www.windham.lib.me.us/new-materials-2](http://www.windham.lib.me.us/new-materials-2)



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*All library programs are free! Call for more info, or go to our webpage at [www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar](http://www.windham.lib.me.us/calendar)*

Sunday <i>closed</i>	Monday 10am-7pm	Tuesday 10am-6pm	Wednesday 10am-7pm	Thursday 10am-6pm	Friday 10am-6pm	Saturday 10am-4pm
		1  Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm)	2  Movie Time: "Darkest Hour" (2017, PG-13, 1pm)*	3  Outreach Delivery (10:30am) ● Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help Thursday (10:30am)	4  Star Wars Day Events (2:30pm)	5
6	7  Story Time (10:30am)	8  Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm) ● Tea @ the Library (1:30pm)	9  Movie Time: "Adam's Rib" (1949, 1pm)*	10  Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help Thursday (10:30am)	11	12
13	14  Story Time (10:30am)	15  Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm)	16  Movie Time: "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017, PG-13, 1pm)* ● Children's Chapter Book Discussion (4pm)	17  Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help Thursday (10:30am)	18	19
20	21  Story Time (10:30am)	22  Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm)	23  Movie Time: "West Side Story" (1961, 1pm)* ● Maine Humanities Council Book Discussion(6pm)	24  Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help Thursday (10:30am)	25	26  LIBRARY CLOSED
27	28 LIBRARY CLOSED	29  Books & Babies (10:15am) ● Knitters 'N More (1pm)	30  Movie Time: "Labor Day" (2013, PG-13, 1pm)*	31  Story Time (10:30am) ● Tech Help Thursday (10:30am)	<p>* More about weekly movie selections @ <a href="http://www.windham.lib.me.us/adult-programming">www.windham.lib.me.us/adult-programming</a></p> 	